# APPROVE EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH NCS PEARSON, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

# THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve extending the agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc., as successor-in-interest to Schoolnet, Inc., for instructional management system maintenance and support services for the Department of Information and Technology Services at a cost not to exceed \$1,720,000.00. The assumption by NCS Pearson, Inc. of the original agreement with Schoolnet, Inc. was previously approved by Board Report 12-0725-PR15. A written extension agreement is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to vendor prior to the execution of the written extension agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written extension agreement is not executed within ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this extension is stated below.

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2) Vendor # 34595 NCS PEARSON, INC 3075 W RAY RD. CHANDLER, AZ 85226 Keith Kostrzewski 847 865-1915

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## **ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-0627-PR14) in the amount of \$3,977,685.00 was for a term commencing August 1, 2007 and ending on July 31, 2010. The agreement was amended

(authorized by Board Report 08-0602-PR19 and 09-0225-PR6) to increase compensation and scope. The original agreement was extended (authorized by Board Report 10-0728-PR11) for a term commencing August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2011. The original agreement was further extended (authorized by Board Report 11-0928-PR9) for a term commencing August 1, 2011 and ending July 31, 2012. This agreement was further extended (authorized by Board Report 12-0725-PR15) for a term commencing August 1, 2012 and ending July 31, 2013. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis: the sole-source extension request was presented to the Non-Competitive Procurement Review Committee and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer.

#### **EXTENSION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being extended for two years commencing August 1, 2013 and ending July 31, 2015.

# **OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There are no option periods remaining.

# **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

NCS Pearson, Inc. shall provide software maintenance and support, data services, interim assessment support, and project quality assurance, and associated maintenance for the extension term. NCS Pearson, Inc. will develop the Active Directory Integration Module, and deliver the self-hosted Assess Module. NCS Pearson, Inc. will populate the Data Mart with CRBA, CMBA, EXPLORE, PLAN, PSAE Highest and DIBELS data. SchoolNet will support CPS in their efforts to load curriculum and standards. Schoolnet, Inc. shall also provide product configuration, including KPI configuration. Vendor will provide mentoring and training opportunities to ensure technical and product knowledge transfer over the scope of the engagement.

Vendor shall provide the Board with the means to enter/import (or have entered on the Board's behalf) the Board's student data through the Licensed Software. The import feature will not modify the content of imported data in any way. All right, title and interest in and to such data shall at all times remain the property of the Board. Vendor shall have the right to use the Board's data (i) to provide the Board with the Services (ii) to assess and compare the use of the Licensed Software by various individual schools within the Board for the purpose of auditing the standard functionality of the Licensed Software and (iii) to improve the Licensed Software. In its use of the Board's data, vendor will not use or disclose any personal information particular to any student.

# **DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will provide updates to licensed software to the Board, and will also provide program corrections and upgrades during the term of the agreement, via downloadable File Transport Protocol (FTP), or the then current method of software delivery. Vendor will also provide:

Interim Assessment support for ETS Item Bank
Active Directory Authorization Module
Teacher Tools to promote ease of use
ASSESS self-hosting
Technical Knowledge Transfer
Curriculum and Standards support
KPI Configuration
Marketing Communication
Project Quality Assurance
Assessment scanning solution
Database architecture and Microsoft analysis training

# **OUTCOMES:**

The instructional management software program will facilitate the tracking of student assessment results and growth measurements. The software will integrate more closely with existing IMPACT modules, allowing for greater ease of use for classroom teachers.

## **COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid as set forth in the extension agreement; total compensation not to exceed the sum of \$1,720,000.00.

#### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written extension document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the extension document. Authorize Chief Information Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this extension agreement.

# **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

The M/WBE goals for this contract include 35% total MBE and 5% total WBE. However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Remedial Program be granted because the scope of service is not further divisible.

## LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

## FINANCIAL:

Fund: 115 or 230

Charge to Information Technology Services, 12500

FY 14 - 15 \$1.720.000.00

Future year funding contingent upon budget appropriation.

CFDA#:

Not Applicable

# **GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

SÉBASTIEN de LONGEAUX Chief Procurement Officer Approved:

BARBARA BYRD-BENNETT Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form

JAMES L. BEBLEY General Counsel